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Letters

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To the Editor:

Your April 30 report that a Pentagon deputy had been dismissed "on the ground that he provided secret information for a news article on an American covert-intelligence program" may have left an impression that our March 31 column in The Washington Post and other newspapers, disclosing an Administration decision to send Stinger antiaircraft missiles to Jonas Savimbi in Angola, was the consequence of a "leak" from Michael E. Pillsbury, former Assistant Under Secretary for policy planning.

The further juxtaposition of our names and column with the part of the story dealing with the visit to South Africa by William J. Casey, Director of Central Intelligence, could also have created an impression that Dr. Pillsbury had been our source for that information as well.

In view of the serious punishment that has been administered to Dr. Pillsbury, we wish to record the following facts:

- Our column on the Stinger decision did not come from Dr. Pillsbury in any way, shape or form. To prove that statement, we would gladly submit to the polygraph machine.
- Our reporting on the presence of Mr. Casey in South Africa did not result from a leak or from any other disclosures from Dr. Pillsbury.

ROWLAND EVANS JR.
ROBERT D. NOVAK
Washington, May 2, 1986

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